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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 5, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, please consider the remarks provided below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.